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Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made with human hands



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"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." ~Galatians 3:28

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GOD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love
Arr. Mark Sedio

Sylvia Cauter

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We do a land acknowledgment as a step toward healing for promises broken over the years.

P: Here on the shores of the Salish Sea, on the traditional lands of the Suquamish and Port Gamble S'Klallam people, God gathers us in the name of the Father, and of the ☧ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

OPENING HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

#389

Cyril A. Alington/Melchior Vulpius

The musical score consists of three staves of music. The top staff shows the lyrics for the first four lines of the hymn. The middle staff continues the lyrics for the second four lines. The bottom staff concludes the hymn with a continuous "Alleluia" chant. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The vocal parts are supported by a basso continuo part at the bottom of each staff.

1. Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the
2. The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might - y
3. Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
4. Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -

tri - umph of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
stone is rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
day with one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - - - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.
Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia.
1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
blood join set us free hymn of to all be cre - peo - ple of God.
Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to
hon - or and the bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for ev - er. A - men. (Refrain)
3. For the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le-lu - ia.
(Refrain)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray... C: Amen

GOD SPEAKS TO US

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

p. 102

The musical notation consists of two staves in common time, treble clef, and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff contains the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al -". The second staff begins with a repeat sign and continues with "le - lu - ia." Below the music, the lyrics "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter - nal life. (Repeat alleluia)" are written.

BIBLE READING

Acts 6:1—7:2a, 7:44—8:1a

Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. ²And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, ⁴while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word.” ⁵What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. ⁷The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

⁸Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and others of those from Cilicia and Asia, stood up and argued with Stephen. ¹⁰But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke. ¹¹Then they secretly instigated some men to say, “We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God.” ¹²They stirred up the people as well as the elders and the scribes; then they suddenly confronted him, seized him, and brought him before the council. ¹³They set up false witnesses who said, “This man never stops saying things against this holy place and the law; ¹⁴for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses handed on to us.” ¹⁵And all who sat in the council looked intently at him, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

7 Then the high priest asked him, “Are these things so?” ²And Stephen replied: “Brothers and fathers, listen to me...

⁴⁴“Our ancestors had the tent of testimony in the wilderness, as God directed when he spoke to Moses, ordering him to make it according to the pattern he had seen. ⁴⁵Our ancestors in turn brought it in with Joshua when they dispossessed the nations that God

drove out before our ancestors. And it was there until the time of David,⁴⁶ who found favor with God and asked that he might find a dwelling place for the house of Jacob.⁴⁷ But it was Solomon who built a house for him.⁴⁸ Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made with human hands; as the prophet says,⁴⁹ ‘Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. What kind of house will you build for me, says the Lord, or what is the place of my rest?⁵⁰ Did not my hand make all these things?’

⁵¹ “You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you are forever opposing the Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors used to do.⁵² Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers.⁵³ You are the ones that received the law as ordained by angels, and yet you have not kept it.”

⁵⁴ When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen.⁵⁵ But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.⁵⁶ “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!”⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him.⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.¹ And Saul approved of their killing him.

[Related Reading: Luke 23:33-34a, 46]

P: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Paul Davis

SERMON

Pastor Alison Shane

PRAYERS

After each portion of the prayers:

P: God of compassion, C: **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P: In Jesus' name. C: **Amen**

OFFERING INTRODUCTION

P: “The Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food.” You might have heard it said that our world does not have a food scarcity problem, our world has a distribution problem. Our giving is one way we address the distribution problem, making sure that those who have not benefitted from the same abundance we have are fed, loved, sheltered, and lifted up. To help redistribute the wealth of the world, please open a browser tab and head over to your faith home's online giving portal or write a check and send it to your faith home via the USPS.

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GOD HEALS THE COMMUNITY IN THE MEAL**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat: this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the
 forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will
 be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us
 our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into
 temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and
 the glory forever and ever. Amen

THE DISTRIBUTION

We are gathered virtually today as the Body of Christ. As we sing the "Lamb of God," please gather
 your bread and wine, and then we will commune together.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;have mer-cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY COMMUNES TOGETHERP: The body of Christ, given for you. (*eat the bread*)The blood of Christ, shed for you. (*drink the wine*)

When the congregation has been united in the meal, the pastor will say the table blessing:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his
 grace. C: Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen

GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace. C: Amen

SENDING HYMN

O God in Heaven

#748

Daniel T. Niles/Honggo (Philippines) traditional

A musical score for three voices (SATB) and piano. The music is in common time, key of G major. The vocal parts are arranged in three staves: Soprano (top), Alto (middle), and Bass (bottom). The piano part is on the bottom staff. The lyrics are integrated into the vocal parts. The score consists of four systems of music. The first system starts with the piano accompaniment and the first two lines of the lyrics. The second system continues with the piano and the next two lines of lyrics. The third system begins with the piano and the final line of lyrics. The fourth system concludes with the piano and a final line of lyrics.

1. O God in heav - en, grant to your chil - dren mer - cy and
2. Je - sus, re - deem - er, help us re - mem - ber your pain and
3. Spir - it un - end - ing, give us your bless - ing: strength for the

bless - ing, songs nev - er ceas - ing, grace to in - vite us, peace to u -
pas - sion, your res - ur - rec - tion, your call to fol - low, your love to -
wea - ry, help for the need - y, hope for the scorn - ful, peace for the

nite us - Je - sus, O God in heav - en, au - thor of love.
mor - row - re - deem - er, spir - it un - end - ing, sav - ior, and friend.
mourn - ful - Spir - it un - end - ing, com - fort and guide.

SENDING

P: Strengthened by the promises God made to you in baptism, go and live your calling: Proclaim Christ through word and deed; serve all people and the world God made; strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

C: Okay, we will, and we ask God to help and guide us.

PFLC VISION STATEMENT

People gathered and sent in the love of Christ.

PFLC GUIDING PRINCIPLE

How can we best demonstrate the love of Christ?

PFLC CORE VALUES

Jesus is Lord – Worship – Compassion – Service

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Readings for next week: Acts 8:26-39; Luke 24:44-47